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Yellowstone NATIONAL PARK

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MONTHLY REPORT

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May 4, 1945.

MEMORANDUM for the Director.

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park for the month of April 1945:

Weather Conditions. The weather during April was unsettled and cold. The snow around Mammoth disappeared early in the month except for occasional drifts. The maximum temperature for the month was 64° on April 20, and the minimum -4° on the 3rd. Total precipitation for April was .67 inches as against .52 inches in April 1944. Five clear days were recorded during the month, 10 partly cloudy, and 15 cloudy. The snow plows started out on April 30 and reached Frying Pan Spring on the Norris road.

Twenty-six earthquake shocks were felt by the winterkeepers at Lake during the month. The shocks were first noticed at 6:32 p.m., April 21, and the last one was felt at 8:55 p.m., April 29. A loud roaring noise occurred before each shock. No apparent physical damage occurred. Twelve of these shocks were felt at Canyon Hotel also.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers spent the entire month in the park, with the exception of short trips made in the vicinity, as follows: To Livingston April 2 with Assistant to the Superintendent Joffe to meet Assistant Superintendent Johnston, discuss summer employment with the United States Employment Service, and attend Rotary; to Bozeman April 10 to attend inauguration ceremonies for Dr. R. R. Renne, new President of Montana State College; to Cinnamon Ranger Station in Gallatin National Forest April 14 and 15 with Chief Ranger Barrows to attend meeting of upper Gallatin Conservation Committee; to Bozeman April 20 to attend meeting of Montana Forest Fire Fighters Service; to Bozeman April 27, with Wilma Smith to transcribe documentary data concerning Yellowstone legislation, from early records in the Bozeman library, and to discuss medical permit with Dr. Windsor at Livingston en route.

Assistant Superintendent Johnston returned to the park on April 2, from Chicago, where he had been assigned on detail in the Branch of Lands of the Director's Office for six weeks.

Assistant to the Superintendent Joffe left the park the evening of April 5, on route to Omaha, where he is on special assignment in the Regional Director's office for a month. Shortly before leaving, Mr. Joffe received word of the death of his father in St. Joseph, Missouri, and he made arrangements to attend the funeral on April 7.

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Easter Sunrise Services were held in the Mammoth Chapel at 6:30 a.m. April 1, and approximately 100 people from the Mammoth and Gardiner communities, as well as several guests from Livingston and Bozeman, were in attendance. The beautiful new organ, which was donated to the Mammoth residents by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hamilton on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary (they were married in the Mammoth Chapel in 1920) was dedicated during the services.

District Park Ranger Marion R. Crowell, who entered on duty as a Park Ranger December 1, 1941, resigned effective April 9, and is moving to a farm near Bozeman to engage in fur farming.

J. Stanley Fillmore, truck driver for the Sanitation Division, left the park with his family April 9, for Rigby, Idaho, where he is to be inducted into the armed services April 15.

On April 12, at approximately 4:00 p.m., the entire personnel of the park was shocked by news of the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In accordance with proclamation of President Truman, all Federal offices were closed at noon on April 14 in honor of the late President. Flags in the park were placed at half mast and will so remain until May 14, in compliance with President Truman's proclamation.

We were proud to learn, through Lt. (jg) Earl A. Semingsen, U. S. Coast Guard, that on April 12 the Destroyer Tender U.S.S. YELLOWSTONE, named after Yellowstone National Park, was launched at the Todd-Pacific ship yards, Seattle, Washington. Lt. Semingsen, who is on military furlough from his position as District Park Ranger in this park, advised that the U.S.S. YELLOWSTONE was the largest vessel launched in Seattle since the Battleship NEBRASKA was sent down the ways in 1904. It was also pleasing to learn that, through special arrangements of Coast Guard officials, six of the Yellowstone Park ranger force, now on duty with the Coast Guard on the Pacific coast, were invited and attended the launching ceremonies.

One full pick-up truck load of clothing was turned in by the Mammoth Community to the Livingston, Montana unit of the War Relief clothing drive the latter part of the month.

The Seventh War Loan drive, which carries through the months of April, May and June, was begun in the park this month.

Inspections. Marion Gleason, U. S. Employment Service representative, Livingston, Montana, visited the park April 5 to discuss summer employment needs; Mr. J. N. Whittinghill, Montana Manager, Mountain States T. & T. Company, Mr. Fredrick S. Bell, District Manager, Mountain States T. & T. Company, Helena, Montana, and Mr. Harry C. Fuqua, Manager, Mountain States T. & T. Company, Livingston, Montana, were in the park April 6 to discuss telephone operations; Superintendent and Mrs. J. W. Emmert, Glacier National Park, stopped over night in Yellowstone April 20, following the Montana Fire Fighters Meeting in Bozeman; Mr. B. A. Anderson, Forest Supervisor, Gallatin National Forest, Mr. M. H. Wolfe, Assistant Regional Forester, Missoula, Montana; Mr. J. K. Swinnel, Acting Forest Supervisor, Absaroka

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Plans, Maps and Surveys. Park Engineer Wohlbrandt worked up the Master Plan sheet for the Canyon utilities showing proposed new sewer system location. Compilation of road maintenance data for shuttle card report was also continued.

General Publicity. No press releases were sent out during the month.

Road Maintenance. Several snow storms during the month made it necessary to send the snow plows to Cooke twice in April.

The rock crusher was operated for 18 days during the month and 1,100 cubic yards of crushed rock were produced.

The Mammoth maintenance crew started operations April 16, removing snow fences and general clean up.

Several warm days during the middle of the month caused a rapid runoff of the snow water in the Gallatin section, and it was necessary to send two men to that area for a few days to ditch the water from the road surface.

The two rotary snow plows left Mammoth on the 30th, starting the spring opening of the park roads. At present they will operate only one shift of eight hours per day.

Other Maintenance. In addition to regular building maintenance activities, the carpenters began removing storm windows. Two additional per diem painters were employed during the month.

Park Operators. Mr. Jack S. Haynes visited the park several times during the month in connection with his duties as a member of the local rationing board and to attend to affairs connected with his concession operations.

The general store at Mammoth was open throughout the month.

Mr. Hugh D. Galusha, auditor for the Yellowstone Park Company, was in the park April 12, discussing concessioner operations for the summer.

Increase or decrease in Travel. Two hundred seventeen persons entered the park during April, as compared with 467 for the same month in 1944. Total persons entering the park for the travel year is 5,304, as compared with 4,364 persons for 1944, an increase of 21.5 per cent.

Seventy-four cars entered the park in April, as compared with 111 for the same month in 1944. Total cars for this travel year, 1,762, as compared with 1,359 for 1944, shows an increase of 29.6 per cent.

Visitors. Mr. Jensen, Deputy Sheriff from El Centro, Imperial County, California, was in the park April 26, en route back to California, and

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Seventy-four cars entered the park in April, as compared with 111 for the same month in 1934. Total cars for this travel year, 1,784, as compared with 1,339 for 1934, show an increase of 33.3 per cent.

Visitors. Mr. Jensen, Deputy Sheriff from El Centro, Imperial County, California, was in the park April 26, en route back to California, and

discussed law enforcement procedures during a visit with the superintendent and other park officials.

Police Protection. There were no law violations during the month.

Accidents. No automobile accidents were reported during the month.

Ranger Service. Late winter patrols were made on skis over portions of the Lamar, Lake, Snake River and Heckler Districts. Upper Falls, West Yellowstone, Mammoth, and Lamar Districts were covered by car and horseback to observe wildlife and range conditions. One ranger spent several days observing coyotes and looking for their dens. Three district rangers also worked on coyote observations to gather information needed for the tagging programs to be carried out in May.

Rangers repaired the roof of the barn at Lower Slough Creek, built a visitor register box for the Lave Falls area on Falls River, completed the project of making special signs needed by the Protection Division, made four complete sets of traction splints to be carried in the patrol cars, brought the wildlife index up to date, and started control of ground squirrels in the Mammoth area. All first aid kits in Government cars and in the ranger stations were checked and replacement items provided.

The Park Ranger's Administrative, Report, and Checking Station Manuals were revised, and copies of revisions furnished to National Park Service areas which have copies.

Wildlife. At a meeting of the Gallatin Conservation Committee, attended by Superintendent Rogers and Chief Ranger Barrows, April 13, a motion was passed recommending that 600 elk be taken by hunters from the Gallatin herd next fall. This is an increase of 100 over the previous quota.

Insects and Tree Diseases. Preliminary plans for the White Pine Blister Rust Control Project at Mammoth were worked out. Assistant Chief Ranger Elliott went to Glacier National Park on April 20 to discuss plans and details regarding the 25-man C.C.C. side camp to be established in Yellowstone about June 15.

Building Fire Protection. Inspections of all buildings in use at Mammoth were made during April, and fire alarm boxes in the area were repainted and repaired. Most of the extinguishers in Government buildings at Mammoth were recharged.

Forest Fire Protection. Forest fire protection activities have consisted, for the most part, in the procurement of Fire Guards and Lookout Observers from the many applications on file. The personnel selected generally have been very young and it is planned to spend some time in training before assigning these boys to summer stations. We have been fortunate in again acquiring the services of Joe Ellis for duty at the fire cache this season. He will report for duty on May 1. Eighteen of 26 positions are now filled, and it is believed that the remainder will be filled shortly.

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Litigation. No substantial settlements were reached [illegible].

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Ranger Lucas has completed the shelving arrangement in the fire cache at Mammoth.

The old Type 7 Pumper was shipped to Seattle and two hundred feet of paccilized hose was received during the month.

Arrangements have been completed to have Chief Ranger Barrett, Assistant Chief Ranger Peyton and District Rangers Albert and Jacobson attend the Region Two Fire Conference in Rocky Mountain National Park next month.

Trails. A site for a bridge was located on Lower Blacktail near Crazy cabin and construction was started on April 30. This bridge is needed for winter patrols.

The Yellowstone River trail from Gardiner to Cinnabar was maintained during the month by Stevens and Murphy. All other trails were blocked by snow.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. Considerable work was done by the Naturalist Division on the Information Manual during the month. A revision of the Interpretive Statement was also practically completed and the Basic Development outline being worked upon during the past winter is nearing completion.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees was held in the canteen on April 2.

Tony Nelson, one of the mechanics with long years of service in the park, became ill during the month and was advised to leave Mammoth for a lower altitude for about six weeks, because of a heart ailment.

Earthquake shocks were felt at Canyon and Lake stations from April 21 to April 24. A total of 14 shocks were felt at Canyon and 19 at Lake. Several of the earlier shocks experienced at both locations were of moderate intensity, moving chairs, tables, stoves, dishes, etc. No shocks have been felt since April 29 at 8:55 p.m.

Of interest is the following excerpt from a letter received this month from Frank T. Hirst, SM1c, U.S.N.R., who was furloughed from his Park Ranger position in Yellowstone National Park on February 10, 1942:

"I think that I now have a clearer understanding of the true part that the Park Service can play in the task of helping to rehabilitate the millions who will return, and the bigger part it can and must play in helping tens of millions who need a reaffirmation of faith in their future and their country's future. The impulse that sends a business man away from his desk to sit beside a campfire in the pine-scented night is a deeply basic one. It is a part of his best heritage from long dead ancestors. Just erase the highway, the automobile, the canvas tent, cabin or hotel; clothe the man in skins and the thought becomes clearer. And that same impulse is also a basis for the vision and drive that built this land to its present greatness, and it is necessary for its continuance. But unless the man can find a way to recapture certain of these fundamental things which have been undeniably lost, he faces more of the chaos that envelopes him now. I think the Park Service can help him do this."

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Edmund B. Rogers,
Superintendent.

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